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1. HAK'S JAPAN SOCIETY SPEECH

WP, SUN, NYT GIVE WIDE COVERAGE TO SECRETARY'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADDRESS, CARRYING AS LEADS HIS AFFIRMATION US SUPPORT FOR ASIAN ALLIES (EXCERPTS IN NYT). GLOBE (AP) HEADLINES SECRETARY'S HOLDING OUT PROSPECT OF US RELATIONS WITH SVN, CAMBODIA GOVTS, PROVIDED THEY MODERATE POLICIES. JAPAN ASPECT OF SPEECH MENTIONED ONLY IN LAST THREE SENTENCES OF BRIEF SEVEN-PARAGRAPH STORY. (SEE COMMENT).
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2. INDOCHINA

US SOURCES IN VIENTIANE SAY EMBASSY UNABLE DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS ROSEMARY CONWAY, AMCIT HELD SINCE JUNE 5.

LAOTIANS CLAIM SHE IS UNDERGOING INTERROGATION (WP).

LAOS "SCHOOLS" CIVIL SERVANTS TO RID THEM OF "ERRONEOUS" IDEAS (KAMM, NYT).

VANG PAO LEAVES THAILAND FOR FRANCE, US (AP, SUN; WP; PHINQ).

FAMINE RAVAGES CAMBODIA. SOME ESTIMATE OVER MILLION KHMERS MAY DIE OF STARVATION, HUNGER, RELATED DISEASES IN NEXT 18 MOS. UN OFFICIAL PREDICTS MAJOR DISASTER UNLESS CAMBODIA RECEIVES FOOD AID, IS ABLE DISTRIBUTE IT (AP, SUN; WP; PHINQ).

SAIGON RADIO ADMITS STARVATION MAJOR PROBLEM IN CITY. TERMS IT CRUEL CONSEQUENCE OF US NEOCOLONIALIST ECON POLICY. ADMITS DISTRIBUTION OF RICE, MONEY TO POOR CAN'T SOLVE MUCH (AP, SUN; PHINQ). HUNGER IN CITIES HELPS GOVT ENCOURAGE PEOPLE RETURN TO RURAL HOMES AND RESUME FARMING (AP, SUN). SVN NEWS AGENCY CALLS FAMINE "INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE" OF US' HERDING OF MOSTLY NONPRODUCTIVE PEOPLE INTO CITY (WP).

INDOCHINA-DESIGNATED FOOD FOR PEACE RICE SHIPMENTS DIVERTED TO BANGLADESH, AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA (UPI, WP). UNDELIVERED US AID TO SVN PILES UP IN ASIAN WAREHOUSES, WITH SOME BEING AUCTIONED OFF. SAIGON PROTESTS SALES CLAIMS GOODS REALLY BELONG PRG. ALL ENROUTE MIL AID WAS RETURNED TO US (GREENWAY, WP).

NYT, SUN FRONT-PAGE AP PHOTO OF SAIGON THIEF HANDCUFFED TO POST BEING TRIED BEFORE PEOPLE'S TRIBUNAL. AFTER TRIAL, DEFENDANT LED AWAY TO REPENT THIEVERY, BE "EDUCATED" IN NEW REGIME'S WAYS (ALSO IN PHINQ). CANADA, SAIGON EXPECTED SOON START TALKS ON REOPENING DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS (AP GLOBE, NYDN).
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RESOLUTION ASKING PRES DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO RECOVER BODIES 2 MARINES KILLED IN SAIGON WILL BE PRESENTED VFW STATE CONVENTION IN HYANNIS, MASS (GLOBE).

3. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

FIVE RC BISHOPS MEET WITH PRES TO DISCUSS, INTER ALIA, VIET REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT (WSJ). THREE HUNDRED VIET REFUGEES WHO ESCAPED BY BOAT TO THAILAND STILL IN CAMP THERE. CONDITIONS SQUALID, BUT 1 SAYS HAPPIER THERE THAN IN SAIGON. FEW STILL ARRIVE FROM TIME TO TIME (ANDELMAN, NYT).

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMISSION TO HELP REFUGEE

RESETTLEMENT SET UP BY PRES MONTH AGO, AFTER VAGUE
START, SEEKING SPEED RESETTLEMENT (CHARLTON, NYT).
TOTAL 355 REFUGEES, ALL VIETS EXCEPT 1 KHMER, WILL

BE PROCESSED BY UN FOR RETURN HOME (AP, NYT).
FEDERALSBURG, MD SEEKS VIET PHYSICIAN TO MEET URGENT
NEED FOR HEALTH CARE (RICHARDS, WP).

4. THAILAND

RTG SAYS US WILL WITHDRAW 87 MORE PLANES, 4000 MORE
SERVICEMEN BY MONTH'S END (WSJ; CHITRIB; WP; AP, SUN; PHINQ).

5. CHINA

AUSSIE FM WILLESEE, IN TOKYO, SAYS HE SPENT 45 MINUTES
WITH CHOU 6/6, FOUND PREMIER "OBVIOUSLY AGING" BUT
RETAINING HIS BRIGHTNESS AND INTELLECT, ALERT, KEEN
AND WITH "TREMENDOUS KNOWLEDGE" (AP, NYDN). SAYS
CHOU STAYING IN "WHAT IS SORT OF CONVALESCENT
HOME," RATHER THAN HOSPITAL, AND NO OTHER PATIENTS
SEEN. ANOTHER MEMBER OF WILLESEE PARTY ADDS THAT
CHOU STAYING IN CONVALESCENT HOME NEAR BEI HAI PARK IN
PEKING (AP TOKYO 6/18).

NYT (HK) CITES REPORT THAT PRC BESET BY FLOODS IN
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SOUTH, DROUGHT IN NORTH; IF INCLEMENT WEATHER FORCES
PEKING DRAW ON GRAIN STOCKPILES, POSSIBLE SHE MAY
FIND IT NECESSARY TO PLACE LARGE WHEAT ORDERS WITH US
AGAIN.

SUN REPORTS US-CHINA PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSN
WILL HOLD POT-LUCK SUPPER AND DISCUSSION OF RECENT
PRC TOUR 6/29 AT JOHNS HOPKINS.

6. JAPAN

SOVIETS CAUTION GOJ AGAINST CONCLUDING PEACE-AND-FRIENDSHIP
TREATY WITH PRC INCORPORATING CLAUSE OPPOSING 3RD POWER
"HEGEMONY IN ASIA." MOSCOW ACCUSES PEKING OF TRYING
IMPOSE TREATY PROVISION ON JAPAN "AIMED AGAINST THE
SOVIET UNION" (OSNOS, WP; CHITRIB; WREN, NYT; IN USIA
WIRELESS FILE).

GOJ EASES MONEY CONTROLS SLIGHTLY, THOUGH DISCOUNT RATE
REMAINS 8 PCT. CABINET ADOPTED 8 POINT PROGRAM 6/16
WITH EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC FINANCING, JAPAN DEVELOPMENT
BANK LOANS FOR ANTI-OLLUTYON EQUIPMENT INVES MENT
(JAMESON, LAT 6/17).

DISAPPOINTING SALES CHARACTERIZE MET OPERA'S JAPAN TOUR, BLAMED ON POOR PUBLICITY, HIGH TICKET LOSSES. MET'S UNPAID ABRIDGED TV VERSION "TRAVIATA" HELPED

BOOST BOX-OFFICE RECEIPTS (SHLACHTER, LAT 6/18).

7. KOREA

NK CHARGES US DEPLOYED NUKE WEAPONS ALONG MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE, GOING TO "DANGEROUS EXTENT" IN TRYING "PROVOKE ANOTHER KOREAN WAR" (WP, CSM).

USDA EXTENDS FINANCIAL RELIEF TO SK GRAIN FIRM, PROVIDING 1-YEAR DEFERMENT 342,000 DOL OWED TREASURY. FIRM BLAMES PRICE CONTROLS, DETERIORATING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS FOR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS (MORGAN, WP).

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FULLER (JOC) REPORTS US BUSINESSMEN EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE IN SK FUTURE, DESPITE ECONOMIC SLUMP. COMMENTS MADE DURING US-KOREA ECONOMIC COUNCIL PRESS CONFERENCE SHOW TRUST IN US SUPPORT FOR SK, BELIEF COUNTRY WILL PULL THROUGH RECESSION.

8. INDONESIA

GOI OBTAINS FAVORABLE FINANCING FOR MOST MASSIVE SHORT-TERM DEBT INCURRED BY PERTAMINA. LOANS OF 425 MILLION DOLS OBTAINED FROM US-EUR CONSORTIUM, AND 150 MILLION DOLS FROM JAPANESE GROUP. FINANCIAL CRISIS HAS EMPHASIZED LONG-STANDING QUESTIONS INVOLVING PERTAMINA EXPANSION, INCLUDING WHETHER TOO BIG TO USE RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY, AND IF IT STIFLES OTHER LOCAL ENTERPRISES. ALSO RENEWS QUESTIONS OF CORRUPTION, EXTRAVAGANCE. PERTAMINA'S WINGS CLIPPED, WITH POWER OVER IT SHIFTING TO US-EDUCATED GROUP OF MINISTERS (MCDONALD, WP).

9. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

PNG HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY VOTES ,O BECOME INDEPENDENT FROM AUSTRALIA SEPT 16, DECIDING ALSO REMAIN MEMBER BRITISH COMMONWEALTH (NYT, WSJ, PHINQ, WP, NYDN).

10. FIJI

FIJI PLANS ESTABLISH NAVY OF 2 FORMER US COASTAL MINESWEEPERS, 10 OFFICERS, AND 62 SEAMEN (REUTER, GLOBE).

11. MALAYSIA

COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS AMBUSHED JOINT THAI-MALAYSIAN

BORDER SURVEY TEAM 6/18, KILLING 17 (NYDN, WP).

12. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN METAL WORKERS UNION'S 600,000 MEMBERS STAGE
24-HR STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES, AFTER ARBITRATION
COMMISSION DEFERRED HEARING ON UNION'S PAY CLAIMS
UNTIL AFTER NEXT NATIONWIDE SALARY ADJUSTMENT (STEWART,
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NYT).

AUSTRALIA'S 14 MINERAL SANDS PRODUCERS TO COMBINE,
ESTABLISHING CARTEL PROVIDING "LONG TERM SUPPLY"
MINERAL SANDS AT "REASONABLE PRICES COMMENSURATE WITH
THEIR VALUE" (STOVE, JOC).

13. GENERAL

WP'S BERGER NOTES 8 MAJOR EXPORTERS OF NUCLEAR PLANTS,
COMPONENTS SECRETLY MEETING IN LONDON. QUOTES
DIPLOMATIC SOURCES THAT JAPAN PARTICIPATING. SAYS
GOAL IS TO DRAW UP CONVENTION THAT WOULD PLEDGE
PARTICIPANTS PLACE STRINGENT CONTROLS ON EQUIPMENT,
MATERIAL SOLD TO OTHER COUNTRIES. NOTES FRANCE
NEGOTIATING SALE REPROCESSING PLANT TO SK.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

14. HAK'S JAPAN SOCIETY SPEECH

MARDER (WP) NOTES THIS WAS KISSINGER'S FIRST MAJOR
SPEECH ON ASIA SINCE COLLAPSE US POLICY IN INDOCHINA,
RECALLS SECRETARY'S NAME AND POLICIES DURING NIXON
ADMIN WERE ASSOCIATED IN JAPAN WITH "NIXON SHOCKS."
FINDS HAK'S CENTRAL THEME IN SPEECH WAS LONTENTION
JAPANESE ROLE AND US-JAPANRELATIONSHIP CAN BE DECISIVE
IN ASIA IN FUTURE, AND THAT WE CONSIDER JAPAN PERMANENT
FRIEND AND PARTNER IN BUILDING PROGRESSIVE WORLD.
FEELS SECRETARY BROKE NO NEW GROUND IN POLICY-MAKING.
SUN'S MILLS AGREES SPEECH BROKE NO NEW DIPLOMATIC
GROUND, BUT OBSERVES DOS OFFICIALS SAID SECRETARY'S
DECISION TO GIVE IT UNDERSCORES IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES
TO REASSURING ASIAN ALLIES IN WAKE OF COMMUNISTS'
INDOCHINA TAKEOVER.

GWERTZMAN (NYT) OBSERVES SECRETARY'S "MAJOR POLICY
SPEECH ON ASIA" CAME AT TIME WHEN NK STEPPING UP
PROPAGANDA ATTACKS AGAINST SK, AND ON DAY WHEN SOVIET
DISCLOSED IT HAD CAUTIONED JAPANESE AGAINST CONCLUDING
TREAT WITH PRC INFORPORATING CLAUSE AIMED AT LIMITING
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MOSCOW'S INFLUENCE IN ASIA. POINTS OUT MUCH OF SPEECH

WAS DEVOTED TO US-JAPAN RELATIONS, AND WAS FIRST TIME HAK HAD GONE INTO SUBJECT AT LENGTH IN PUBLIC FORUM, GOING OUT OF HIS WAY TO ASSUAGE JAPANESE IRRITATION OVER "NIXON SHOCKS"; HOWEVER, IN TEXT, SECRETARY ALSO SEEMED TO CHIDE SK AND PHILS FOR REPRESSIVE POLICIES. TO GWERTZMAN, POSSIBLY MOST CONTROVERSIAL LINE IN KISSINGER TALK WAS HIS STRONG WARNING US WILL CONTINUE OPPOSE EFFORTS BY ANY COUNTRY OR BLOC TO IMPOSE WILL ON ASIA BY "PREPONDERANCE OF POWER OR BLACKMAIL." SAYS US OFFICIALS DISCLOSED THIS AIMED PRIMARILY AT NVN, AND THEY ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED JAPANESE PROBABLY WOULD READ THIS AS SUPPORT FOR "ANTI-HEGEMONY" LANGUAGE TOKYO-PEKING CONSIDERING FOR THEIR AMITY PACT, DESPITE US STATEMENTS TO CONTRARY.

15. INDOCHINA

WSJ'S KANN IN VIENTIANE REVIEWS EVENTS SPEEDILY MAKING LAOS MARXIST MINISTATE. CALLS LOCAL COMMUNISM UNIQUELY LAOTIAN WITH PRINCE AS NOMINAL HEAD. WONDERS IF ANY OF THIS MATTERS TO REST OF WORLD; BELIEVES PROBABLY NOT, EXCEPT AS FOOTNOTE TO INDOCHINA TRAGEDY. QUOTES EUROPEAN THAT PL PROCEEDED RECENTLY WITH "UN-LAO-LIKE" VIGOR. SEES AID ISSUE BOILING DOWN TO WHETHER US WANTS PAY TO MAINTAIN SMALL DIPLOMATIC TOEHOLD IN LAOS.

CHITRIB'S WIEDRICH TERMS PL "POLITICAL PROSTITUTES" BECAUSE REOPEN NARCOTICS TRADE IN LAOS TO WIN SUPPORT AMONG TRIBESMEN AND GAIN REVENUE. POINTS OUT THAT IN PAST, PL CRACKED DOWN ON DRUG TRADE IN ITS AREAS, SINCE "POLITICALLY PROPER POSTURE TO ASSUME" THEN.

16. KOREA

EVANS/NOVAK (WP) SEE COMMUNIST THREAT "FAR WORSE CLAMITY" THAN INFRINGEMENT OF CIVIL LIBERTIES, STATING PARK'S SECURITY MEASURES "FALL SHORT" OF THOROUGH REPRESSION. US CONGRESSMEN SHOULD THINK TWICE ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF ABANDONING SK BECAUSE PARK "INSUFFICIENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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DEMOCRATIC" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

LATEST HARRIS SURVEY--CONDUCTED MAY AFTER SVN/CAMBODIA TAKEOVER AND MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT -- REPORTS 43-TO-37 PCT PLURALITY AMERICANS FAVORS USING US TROOPS, AIR AND NAVAL POWER IN SK DEFENSE IF INVADED BY NK (CHITRIB).

17. CHINA

SUN'S WU, IN PEKING, IS STRUCK BY MARKED SEMBLANCE OF STABILITY AND UNITY, COUPLED WITH RENEWED DRIVE FOR PRODUCTION. SEES NO VISIBLE EVIDENCE MAJOR STRIFE IN FACTORIES, RURAL COMMUNES, SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES OR IN STREETS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

HENRY J. TAYLOR (BALT N-A 6/18) CONTENTS INDIA IS SECRETLY TELLING DOS THAT NEW DELHI AIR RECON PHOTOS SHOW "NEW RED CHINESE TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN THREE AREAS WHERE CHINA MAY STRIKE INDIA"; MOREOVER, CERTAIN INDIAN PROVINCES HEAVILY INFILTRATED BY ARMED GROUPS OWING ALLEGIANCE TO PEKING. MAINTAINS SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE, AT BOTTOM, ONLY INVOLVES WHICH IS BEST WAY TO BURY WESTERN WORLD, AND OBSCURES FACT MOSCOW'S SPLIT IS WITH MAO, "NOT RED CHINA."

18. MARIANAS

SUN SEES MICRONESIAN ISLAND REGION PROTEST OVER MARIANAS SPLIT RAISING QUESTION WHETHER ULTIMATE UN TRUSTEESHIP MANDATE DECISION WILL FAVOR MARIANAS PLEBISCITE OR MICRONESIAN LEADERS. BELIEVES MARIANAS VOTE PROVIDES DOD POTENTIAL FORWARD BASE AREA WITHOUT RISKS OF POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS LIKE THOSE IN JAPAN, THAILAND (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

HALLORAN (NYT) TALKS WITH MARIANAS RESIDENTS, NOTING MOST EXPECT MORE US AID, BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS WHEN ISLANDS BECOME COMMONWEALTH (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

19. DIEGO GARCIA

LAT (6/17) SAYS US HESITANCE ABOUT ENLARGING DIEGO GARCIA MILITARY FACILITIES UNWARRANTED, AS US RESPONSE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN PRESENCE NEEDED. SEES PENTAGON'S PLANS "REASONABLE PROPOSAL," SIMILAR TO "EFFECTIVE STABILIZING ROLE" OF MEDITERRANEAN'S 6TH FLEET.

20. GENERAL

GREENFIELD (WP 6/18 - IN USIA WIRELESS FILE) SEES DIFFUSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AROUND WORLD AS POSSIBILITY IN NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE. POINTS OUT SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING PRC, POSSESS BOMBS, WHILE OTHERS, INCLUDING JAPAN, HAVE CAPABILITY OF PRODUCING THEM. STILL OTHERS RAPIDLY ACQUIRING PLANT, TECHNOLOGY TO PERMIT PRODUCTION, INCLUDING ROC, SK. KISSINGER

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